Early Journal Content on JSTOR, Free to Anyone in the World

This article is one of nearly 500,000 scholarly works digitized and made freely available to everyone in the world by JSTOR.

Known as the Early Journal Content, this set of works include research articles, news, letters, and other writings published in more than 200 of the oldest leading academic journals. The works date from the mid-seventeenth to the early twentieth centuries.

We encourage people to read and share the Early Journal Content openly and to tell others that this resource exists. People may post this content online or redistribute in any way for non-commercial purposes.

Read more about Early Journal Content at http://about.jstor.org/participate-jstor/individuals/early-journal-content.

JSTOR is a digital library of academic journals, books, and primary source objects. JSTOR helps people discover, use, and build upon a wide range of content through a powerful research and teaching platform, and preserves this content for future generations. JSTOR is part of ITHAKA, a not-for-profit organization that also includes Ithaka S+R and Portico. For more information about JSTOR, please contact support@jstor.org.

antecedents? In this way we have the explanation of the germ resulting only as the harmonic product of suitable vibrations—of the hereditary transmission of qualities—and of the variations from type which occasionally occur. We have also the explanation of the cessation when life vibrations shall have been exhausted or transmuted into other forms of life itself, or so-called death. We have also the explanation of the periodicity of many, if not all, of the functions of living bodies, both in health and disease. Likewise, we have an explanation of the effects of drugs on certain organs and functions. To say "that opium produces sleep on account of its somniferous tendency" is to veil our ignorance very thinly. But, if we suppose that nerve tissue has a certain vibration, so differing in period from that of the morphia molecule which we introduce into the blood, that until the latter is eliminated or changed the nerve vibrations are modified or suspended, we can form a much more rational conception of the effect of opium. So also with the selection of appropriate food from a common plasma by different organisms, and also from the blood by the various organs and structures of the body. In fact, a new field is opened to biologists, naturalists, physiologists and physicians whose limits are at present far beyond our ken.

New nomination No. 1217 was read.

The Committees appointed at last meeting, of which Dr. Cope and Mr. Biddle were respectively Chairmen, were continued.

And the Society was adjourned by the presiding member.

Stated Meeting, January 16, 1891.

Present, 73 members.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Correspondence was submitted and accessions to the Library were reported.

Mr. L. Vossion and Prof. G. S. Fullerton took their seats.

A circular was received from the Museo de la Plata, Argentine Republic, requesting exchanges, also sending one of its publications.

Letters of acknowledgment were received from the Geological Survey of India, Calcutta (131, 132, 133); Taschkent

Observatory, Taschkent, Russia (131, 132, 133); K. K. Geologische Reichsanstalt, Drs. Friederich Müller, Dionys Stur, Vienna (131, 132, 133); Naturwissenschaftliche Verein des Reg.-Bez., Frankfurt a. O. (131, 132, 133); Mr. Joseph Prestwich, Shoreham, Kent, England (127, 128, 129, 130); Chicago Academy of Science, Chicago (130, 131, 132, 133).

Accessions to the Library were received from the Académie R. de Belgique, Bruxelles; Naturwissenschaftliche Verein des Reg.-Bez., Frankfurt a. O.; Verein für Erdkunde, Halle a. S.; Physikalische-Medicinische Societät, München; Prof. Ferdinando Bosari, Naples; R. Accademia dei Lincei, Rome; Osservatorio Astronomico, Turin; Société de Géographie, Lille; Commission des Annales des Mines, Rédaction "Cosmos," Paris; R. Astronomical Society, Editors of the "Geological Magazine," "Nature," London; Prof. George M. Dawson, Ottawa, Canada; Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.; American Statistical Association, Boston; Editors of "American Journal of Science," Yale College, New Haven; University of State of New York, Albany; New York Historical Society, New York; Franklin Institute, Engineers' Club, College of Pharmacy, Editors of the "Homœopathic Physician," "Medical and Surgical Reporter," "Medical News," American Bar Association, Mercantile Library, Messrs. J. E. Ives, Henry Phillips, Jr., Philadelphia; U. S. Naval Institute, Annapolis; Johns Hopkins University, Editors of "American Journal of Philology," "American Chemical Journal," Baltimore; Department of State, U. S. Naval Observatory, Smithsonian Institution, Anthropological Society, Hydrographic Office of U. S. Navy, Prof. Albert S. Gatschet, Washington, D. C.; Public Library of Cincinnati; Musée de la Plata.

The stated business of the meeting was then taken up, and, on motion, the Society resolved to proceed to the election of Librarian for the ensuing year. It was resolved to conduct the same by ballot, and that the polls should remain open thirty minutes, during which the Society took a recess to enable the members present to deposit their votes.

J. Sergeant Price, Esq., and Dr. Persifor Frazer were appointed by the Chair as tellers to conduct the said election; who, after the polls had been closed, reported to the President that Mr. Henry Phillips, Jr., had received 39 votes, and Mr. Benjamin Smith Lyman, 31 votes; whereupon the President declared Mr. Henry Phillips, Jr., to have been duly elected Librarian of the Society for the ensuing year.

[Secretary Phillips being present and not voting.]

On motion, the President was authorized to appoint at his leisure the Standing Committees of the Society, which he subsequently selected, as follows:

Finance.

William B. Rogers, Philip C. Garrett, Charles S. Wurts.

Hall.

J. Sergeant Price, William A. Ingham, Charles A. Oliver.

Publication.

Daniel G. Brinton, George H. Horn, Samuel Wagner,
Patterson DuBois, Horace Jayne.

Library.

Edwin J. Houston, William V. McKean, William John Potts,
Jesse Y. Burk, William H. Greene.

The Committee on the Paper of Dr. J. Lindahl reported the same to be worthy of publication, which was so ordered, and the Committee was discharged.

Prof. Cope's Committee and Mr. Arthur Biddle's Committee reported progress and were continued.

Pending nomination, No. 1217, and new nominations, Nos. 1218 and 1219, were read.

And the Society was adjourned by the President.